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TO : SCARF, THIRD ARMY
VIA : OPERATIONS
FROM : AB/016, AMZON.
SUBJECT: Summary of Preliminary Vetting: Dr. Murad FERID

1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 July 1945 attaching an XYZ-1 form on Murad FERID.

2. Since FERID was, as you know, an important figure in the Abwehr, the unnumbered Shaef card on him confirms more than is usually possible his statements under interrogation. In the case of such an important officer of the GIS as FERID whose career is thus quite well known to us from the beginning, the most important factor in protecting this organization against possible penetration is the knowledge of his character and political loyalties. This is true because the higher the position held in the GIS, the more likely as a general rule that the incumbent was more than an opportunist, i.e. a Pan-German or outright Nazi. FERID has given you several character references, which you listed in item 12 of the XYZ form, who presumably were cited to offset his earlier membership in the NSDAP and SA. You state in item 13 that owing to the security problem involved, open investigation of these references has been limited. If you like, we shall be glad to supplement your local character investigation by asking FERID's cousin in Alabama what her opinion of his political history is.

3. Meanwhile, we shall request that the Balkan Desk in London and Washington send us more information on the career and character of FERID. Because of his prominence, there is certain to be more information in those two stations than is contained on the Shaef card.

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